

District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2004
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Stanley Neighborhood Center. In attendance were seven (7) District Advisory Board members, six (6) staff and approximately six (6) citizens with three (3) signing in.

Members Present

Jim Benton
Tom Engelmann
Michael Gisick
Council Member Paul Gray
Rex Gray
Ed Koon
Doug Leeper
Jerry McGinty

Staff Present

Sergeant Clark Bolan, Police
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office
Mark Manning, Finance
Jay Newton, Finance
Kendall Niquette, Finance
Officer Dave Wertz, Police

Members Absent

Damon Burrows
Marjorie Griffith

Guests

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Order of Business

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Ed Koon (Leeper) moved to approve the agenda for the July 21, 2004 meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

Jerry McGinty (Benton) moved to approve the minutes for the June 2, 2004 meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

Public Agenda

The Public Agenda allows members of the public to present matters to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to a period of five minutes unless extended by the Board.

Off-Agenda items

Gerald Yoachum, 3027 W. Hadden, voiced his concern over increased parking at the industrial park across the street from his residence. He stated that this is creating increased theft and vandalism and lowering neighborhood property values. **Mr. Yoachum** further stated that the additional parked cars are making it difficult to turn from Hadden onto Custer because the cars are obstructing the view. **Council Member Gray** stated that he would have community police investigate the situation to determine

if any parking violations were occurring and if so, then the business would be notified. **Sergeant Bolan** stated that he would take **Mr. Yoachum**'s contact information and have a beat coordinator contact him to resolve this issue. **Mr. Yoachum** thanked everyone for their time and attention to this matter.

Staff Presentations

Community Police

Sergeant Clark Bolan, Police, stated that he and **Officer Dave Wertz, Police**, wanted to bring the Board's attention to air soft BB guns which are the same form, size and weight of regular guns, with the only difference being an orange tip at the end of the BB gun.

Sergeant Bolan stated that this makes it difficult for officers to distinguish between the two, especially since some children are painting the orange BB gun tip black to look like a real gun. He stated that in these instances, officers may be forced to draw their own guns for safety since they are unable to tell the difference.

Jim Benton asked if the BB guns are CO2 powered. **Officer Wertz** replied that the model he has brought to show the Board at this meeting is spring loaded, but that other models can be powered by battery or green gas.

Doug Leeper asked who the primary retail source for these BB guns are. **Officer Wertz** replied that Jungle Toy Sales is the business who sells these guns. **Council Member Gray** said that he has also seen similar guns at Dick's Sporting Goods.

The Board asked what the laws concerning carrying and discharging BB guns are. **Officer Wertz** explained that BB guns fall under regular firearms regulations, therefore they must be placed in a case and not discharged. **Michael Gisick** asked if paintball guns are also included in these regulations. **Officer Wertz** stated that paintballs are included in the firearms ordinances, but paintball guns can be shot in appropriate places with the issuance of a shooting gallery permit.

Gisick asked if the point of these BB gun presentations is to eliminate them completely or educate the public concerning their use. **Officer Wertz** stated that at this time, the Police Department is only trying to educate on this issue. He is requesting that individuals contact the Police Department if they see these types of guns being used and that the Neighborhood Associations use their newsletters to inform others of this situation. **Council Member Gray** added that it would be difficult for the City to outlaw BB guns due to 2nd Amendment rights.

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Finance Department

Mark Manning, Finance, and Jay Newton, Finance, presented the 2005 Proposed Budget In Brief and highlighted some points for the Board to be aware of and offered to answer any questions Board members may have.

Leeper asked if revenues and expenditures were adjusted for growth. **Manning** stated that even though revenues do not proportionately grow like expenditures, these figures have been adjusted for inflation, wages, health insurance, etc.

The Board asked how property taxes were assessed. **Manning** and **Council Member Gray** responded that properties are appraised and assessed by the County and the City uses these numbers as a basis for property budget projections, also taking into account future City annexation and growth. **Benton and Rex Gray** commented that when demonstrating hypothetical valuation of property taxes to citizens, that the entire cost should be included, not just the City assessed portion of the property tax in order to give people a more accurate depiction of these costs and calculations. **Manning** replied that this can be difficult to assess with school tax exemptions and other factors.

Leeper asked for additional clarification on disparities of Art Museum revenues and expenditures. **Manning** stated that these disparities are a result of the City levying more taxes than are collected on the Art Museum. **Council Member Gray** explained that the City has agreed to subsidize the Art Museum, and if the City decides to discontinue financial support for the museum, the art work contained will revert back to the trust through which it was given.

McGinty asked what items are included in non-departmental expenditures. **Manning** replied that non-departmental expenses include training, membership to professional organizations, election expenses and any other item which does not fit into other departmental budget confines.

Ed Koon asked what the status was on the new ticketing system for Century II. **Newton** replied that the City has issued a Request For Proposal to look at different ticketing system options which will combine capability with low cost.

Leeper asked at what point in the budget process are new revenue sources considered, such as casinos, lottery. **Manning** stated that alternative revenue sources such as these are considered and researched once staff is directed by City Council to do so. **Council Member Gray** stated that some alternative revenue sources that have been looked at recently by City Council include billboard fees and car rental taxes.

McGinty complimented **interim City Manager Cathy Holdeman** and other involved staff on doing a good job putting the budget together for this year.

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Board Agenda

Gisick announced that Council Member Gray spoke at his last neighborhood association meeting and that they took a tour of the new Southwest Branch Library. He also stated that he likes the “Q” trolley initiative that has been implemented downtown. **Council**

Member Gray said that this project has already been very successful and if this continues, trolley service will be extended to the other side of the river.

Leeper asked about the status of the potholes on Meridian. **Council Member Gray** said that these will be designed and budgeted for in next year's CIP. He stated that Pawnee to 31st Street will be completed in 2005 and by 2010 47th Street to Kellogg will be completed.

Gray announced that he would be resigning from the District Advisory Board due to other time commitments and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the community in this capacity. He also expressed his satisfaction with the proposed budget presented, as there were no facility closures or employee cutbacks planned. **Council Member Gray** thanked Gray for his time and effort on the Board.

McGinty stated that 27th Street is almost completely open with construction almost completed and that McLean is now completely open with the construction finished. He also asked for clarification on what construction is being done to Main Street.

Jim Benton stated that there was a neighborhood clean-up for brush. Mr. Benton stated that the clean-up was very successful and that \$600 in donations was received. Appliances were not picked up during this particular clean-up and the excess brush will be converted to mulch for further use. **Council Member Gray** asked how the mulch will be used and who will be responsible for implementing this project. Mr. Benton replied that he was not sure if the City or the neighborhood association would be in charge of the mulch or its exact use.

Tom Engelmann commented that he is pleased with the budget and that vandalism in his neighborhood has decreased. He asked when the water reclamation project will be come before this Board again. **Council Member Gray** stated that this issue will be discussed with the area neighborhood associations, then the District Advisory and Park Boards, which should be take a few months.

Council Member Gray asked for any further issues. With none presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Gerald Yoachum	3027 W. Hadden